## CHAPTER NO. 314

## **SENATE BILL NO. 122**

By Ketron, Crowe, Finney, Beavers, Black, Bryson, Burchett, Burks, Chism, Cohen, Cooper, Crutchfield, Ford, Fowler, Hagood, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Kilby, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Curtis S. Person, Jr., Ramsey, Southerland, Tracy, Williams, Mr. Speaker Wilder

Substituted for: House Bill No. 321

By Hood, Mike Turner, Litz, Yokley, Coleman, Bone, Fowlkes, McDonald, Davidson, Curtiss, Hargrove, McMillan, Rinks, Davis, Phillip Johnson, Hill, Godsey, Mumpower, Swafford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-206, relative to firefighters killed in the line of duty.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-206(a), is amended by deleting the existing language and substituting instead the following:
  - (a) For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (1) "Firefighter" means any volunteer member of a municipal or nonprofit fire department who is registered and recognized by the state fire marshal and who is required to extinguish and control fires or fire-related incidents; and
  - (2) "In the line of duty" means in the course of employment and in the actual discharge of the duties of the position; and
  - (3) "Volunteer" means a firefighter who is not in the employ of a unit of government as a full-time employee of a fire department of such unit.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to firefighters killed in the line of duty on or after June 8, 2004.

PASSED: May 24, 2005

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER

JUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR